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Applicant(s) : Tatsuhito TAKAHASHI et al.

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PRODUCE THE SAME

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The following matters were discussed with the Examiner
during a telephone interview with the undersigned on
May 18, 2004.

A. The Notice of Allowability mailed on April 9, 2004 and
the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on May 12, 2004
both erroneously indicated the certified copies of the priority
documents were received in the national stage application from
the International Bureau.

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The above-identified application is a continuation application of International application PCT/JP99/05972.

Certified copies of the two priority documents were filed by the applicants on July 2, 2001 and receipt of such certified copies was acknowledged by the Examiner in the May 24, 2002 Office Action (Paper No. 10).

B. The USPTO Communication mailed May 12, 2004 did not indicate that the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 filed on April 14, 2004 was entered. Such AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312 included amendments to the specification that were requested by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability mailed on May 12, 2004.

In view of the above, issuance of a further Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested to confirm receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents that were submitted by the applicants and to confirm entry of the AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312.

Respectfully submitted,



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